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Little River ***Currents*** submission guidelines

The following guidelines are used for submissions to the monthly Tribal newspaper, the ***Currents***, of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, Michigan:

- Articles must impact or affect the LRBOI tribal community, LRBOI tribal members or the larger Native American/Alaska Indian community.
- Precedence will be given to information generated or submitted by the LRBOI Tribal Government offices or staff; to applicable Federal (US) Government-supplied information affecting the above-mentioned communities or groups or information from tribal organizations or supportive agencies such as NCAI, NNLEA, IHS and BIA.
- Tribal member businesses or those specifically targeting the LRBOI tribal community will be given the opportunity to run free display ads, as space allows, in the newspaper.
- Notices from Tribal members will be accepted and printed, space permitting in the paper. Said notices should address: Family announcements (birthdays, thank you notes, gatherings, graduations, obituaries etc.)
- Opinion pieces or letters-to-the-editor are not allowed. The ***Currents*** is an instrument used to push useful information out to the membership of the tribe and as a government organ, it is not designed to be an opinion tool.
- Election information:
 - As a government publication, neither the staff nor the paper may make institutional endorsements of candidates during times of elections.

- The newspaper will carry such information as the Election Board generates regarding elections.
- The opportunity for Candidate statements, in concert with regular scheduled tribal elections, will be made available to all certified candidates in said elections within certain editions and with equal opportunities presented to all candidates. This will also be coordinated with and through the LRBOI Election Board and the department will acquiesce to their wishes.
- Submitted statements will be scrutinized to identify slander, libel or other potentially deleterious comments that might appear. The authors will be notified of the potential issues and requested to re-submit articles which do not present the same issues. If no corrected article is submitted, the staff of the **Currents** reserves the right to not run the original submission.
- Links: References to internet links are guided by the fact that said links must comply with federal and/or state law regarding cybercrimes, civil laws such as defamatory, derogatory and untruthful statement that are injurious to ones' health, safety and community standing.
- Deadlines for submission are at the close of business on the first business day of the month. Tribal Council and the Office of the Ogema have until the 5th of the month to submit their reports.